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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Patricia L Engle	3612

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

1.  This communication is responsive to the application filed on April 8, 1999.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3.  The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
 of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
  1.  received.
  2.  received in Application No. (Series Code / Serial Number). \_\_\_\_\_
  3.  received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

5.  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

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6.  Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7.  Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
  - (a)  because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
  - (b)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_
  - (c)  including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.
  - (d)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8.  Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

**Attachment(s)**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>3<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>5<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____.</li> <li>7<input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>4<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____.</li> <li>6<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9<input type="checkbox"/> Other</li> </ol>
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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeff Proehl (Registration Number 35,987) on May 2, 2000.

The application has been amended as follows:

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- a. On page 10, line 25, please insert -I- and the acute end portion of the slot, after "panel";
- b. On page 10, line 27, please change "is" to --are--;
- c. On page 10, line 28, please change "lengths" to --length--;
- d. On page 10, line 28, please delete "each";
- e. On page 10, line 28, please insert --each of-- before "the flaps";
- f. In claim 1, line 12, please insert -I- said flaps overlapping one another, after "therefrom";

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- g. In claim 1, line 13, please delete "said connect";
- h. On page 16, line 2, please insert --acute-- before "end portion";
- i. On page 16, line 7, please delete "said connect";
- j. On page 16, line 16, please insert -I- and said acute end portion, after "said panel";

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- k. On page 16, line 16, please insert --of said slot-- before ", said lengths";
- l. On page 16, line 23, please insert --arcute-- before "end portion";
- m. On page 16, line 25, please insert --and-- after "therebetween";.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for allowance of the claims in this case is the inclusion of overlapping flaps included in the independent claims, in combination with the other elements recited, which is not found in the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patricia L Engle whose telephone number is (703) 306-5777. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 8:00-5:30 and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, D. Glenn Dayoan can be reached on (703) 308-3102. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7687 for regular communications and (703) 305-7687 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

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May 3, 2000

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